

August 13, 2020

Dear King Community:

On Monday I notified you that that members of our community had tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, I am following up today with news that another member in Ainsworth Hall has tested positive, bringing our total number of members who have tested positive for COVID-19 to five. In addition, three staff members (two who work in Ainsworth Hall and one from Olson Hall) have tested positive.

Please know that we are steadfastly focused on the health and safety of your loved ones and we will continue to work hard to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our campus community. As I shared on Monday, in addition to our strong infection control protocols, we have put into place a series of procedures to prevent the spread of this virus in our Home. These are outlined in more detail in Monday's letter, but include steps such as setting up a quarantine area, dedicating a limited number of specifically-trained staff to work with members who test positive for, or may have, coronavirus, and conducting additional testing.

What can you do to help? Please encourage your loved ones at King to wear a mask when in public spaces and to follow the rules we've put into place to limit the spread of the virus. Please also continue to help us lift the spirits of your family members and friends at King by sending letters, emails or by coordinating virtual visits. We know five months is a long time to go without in-person contact with those you love, but even a Facetime or Zoom chat is comforting to our King members, who, just like all of us in Wisconsin and across the U.S., are facing feelings of worry and uncertainty.

We will continue to keep you updated with these letters, and we will continue to call a Member's primary contact to when we need to consult regarding COVID-19 pertaining to that member. However, please know that these updates are also available at any time on the WDVA website at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant